



## Republican Cuts to Homeland Security: *The Assault on First Responder Preparedness*

In the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Republican Majority have, for the first time, cut homeland security funding and it is preparedness at the State and local level that have paid the price. First responder grant programs are under assault. First, there were the significant cuts in the end-of-year appropriations bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 (P.L. 112-10). Now, threatening to compound the damage is H.R. 2017, the Homeland Security Appropriations legislation for FY 2012, which is scheduled to be considered shortly after Memorial Day.

Table 1 below highlights some major examples of the drastic cuts since 2010 to first responder grant programs. Overall, appropriations for first responder grants would be cut by 59% from FY 2010, the last appropriation under the Democratic Majority. It is important to note that there is a wide range of first responder grant programs distributed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). They include targeted grants for port security, transportation security, and counterterrorism programs across the country.

<b><u>TABLE 1</u></b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012 (H.R. 2017)</b>
State and Local Programs	\$3 billion	\$2.23 billion	\$1 billion
<b>% Cut from 2010</b>		<b>26%</b>	<b>67%</b>
Firefighter Assistance Grants	\$810 million	\$810 million	\$350 million
<b>% cut from 2010</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>57%</b>
All FEMA grant programs <sup>1</sup>	\$4.17 billion	\$3.38 billion	\$1.7 billion
<b>% cut from 2010</b>		<b>19%</b>	<b>59%</b>

Under H.R. 2017, almost every first responder grant program will be cut including the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), the grant program that bypasses states and awards directly to metropolitan areas and cities. Last year, as a result of Republican-led cuts, the number of urban areas eligible to receive funding in UASI dropped from 64<sup>2</sup> to 31<sup>3</sup>. These devastating cuts were protested by the Committee on Homeland Security Democrats in a letter to the Committee Chairman requesting a hearing on the issue<sup>4</sup>. To make matters worse for FY2012, the Republican-led Appropriations Committee directs FEMA to further reduce UASI participation to just 10 cities under H.R. 2017. At the same time, H.R. 2017 provides no predictability to the 10 remaining jurisdictions about the level of grant support they could receive as it omits specifics on funding levels for each program. Instead, in an unprecedented move, it gives authority to the Secretary of Homeland Security to determine funding.

Table 2 lists the communities that were cut from the UASI program in FY2011 and the further cuts we can expect for FY2012 under H.R. 2017. Tables 3 and 4 reflect the cuts to the State and Urban Area programs, comparing FY2010 to FY2011. For 2012, we can expect that not only will 21 cities be cut from UASI but those cities that remain in the program will receive fewer resources given that UASI does not have dedicated funding under H.R. 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Total includes all preparedness grant programs distributed by DHS, some not listed here. See link for more info: <http://chsdemocrats.house.gov/sitedocuments/addlinfo.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> FY 2010 Preparedness Grant Programs Overview: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/archive.shtm>

<sup>3</sup> FY 2011 Preparedness Grant Programs Overview: [http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2011/fy11\\_grants\\_overview.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2011/fy11_grants_overview.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Homeland Dems Request Hearings to Address Grant Cuts: <http://chsdemocrats.house.gov/press/index.asp?ID=642>

**TABLE 2: FY2010 UASI (64 areas)****FY2011 UASI (31 areas)****FY2012 UASI (10 areas)**

**Tier 1**  
 Los Angeles/Long Beach  
 San Francisco Bay Area  
 Jersey City/Newark  
 Philadelphia  
 Houston  
 Chicago

**Tier 2**  
 Tucson  
 Sacramento  
 Anaheim/Santa Ana  
 Bakersfield (CA)  
 Bridgeport (CT)  
 Fort Lauderdale  
 Miami  
 Tampa  
 Honolulu  
 Louisville  
 New Orleans  
 Detroit  
 Kansas City  
 Charlotte  
 Las Vegas  
 Albany  
 Syracuse  
 Cleveland  
 Toledo  
 Tulsa  
 Pittsburgh  
 Providence  
 Nashville  
 El Paso  
 Salt Lake City  
 Norfolk  
 Milwaukee

Boston  
 New York City  
 Washington DC Area  
 Dallas/Fort Worth

Phoenix  
 Riverside  
 San Diego  
 Oxnard (CA)  
 Denver  
 Hartford  
 Jacksonville  
 Orlando  
 Atlanta  
 Indianapolis  
 Baton Rouge  
 Baltimore  
 Minneapolis/St. Paul  
 St. Louis  
 Omaha  
 Buffalo  
 Rochester  
 Cincinnati  
 Columbus  
 Oklahoma City  
 Portland  
 San Juan  
 Memphis  
 Austin  
 San Antonio  
 Richmond  
 Seattle

**Tier 1**  
 Los Angeles/Long Beach  
 San Francisco Bay Area  
 District of Columbia  
 Boston  
 New York City  
 Houston

**Tier 2**  
 Phoenix  
 Riverside  
 Miami/Fort Lauderdale  
 Orlando  
 Baltimore  
 Twin Cities  
 Las Vegas  
 Cleveland  
 Portland  
 Norfolk

**CUT**  
 Tucson  
 Bakersfield (CA)  
 Honolulu  
 New Orleans  
 Albany  
 Toledo  
 Providence  
 El Paso  
 San Antonio  
 Oxnard (CA)  
 Jacksonville  
 Indianapolis  
 Minneapolis/St. Paul  
 Buffalo  
 Columbus  
 Richmond  
 Memphis

San Diego  
 Chicago  
 Jersey City/Newark  
 Philadelphia  
 Dallas/Fort Worth

Anaheim/Santa Ana  
 Denver  
 Tampa  
 Atlanta  
 Detroit  
 St. Louis  
 Charlotte  
 Cincinnati  
 Pittsburgh  
 Seattle

Sacramento  
 Bridgeport (CT)  
 Louisville  
 Kansas City  
 Syracuse  
 Tulsa  
 Nashville  
 Salt Lake City  
 Milwaukee  
 Hartford  
 Austin  
 Baton Rouge  
 Omaha  
 Rochester  
 Oklahoma City  
 San Juan

**Tier 1 (anticipated)**  
 Los Angeles/Long Beach  
 San Francisco Bay Area  
 Chicago  
 Jersey City/Newark  
 Philadelphia  
 Dallas/Fort Worth

**TO BE CUT (anticipated)**  
 San Diego  
 Phoenix  
 Riverside  
 Miami/Fort Lauderdale  
 Orlando  
 Baltimore  
 Twin Cities  
 Las Vegas  
 Cleveland  
 Portland  
 Norfolk

District of Columbia  
 Boston  
 New York City  
 Houston

Anaheim/Santa Ana  
 Denver  
 Tampa  
 Atlanta  
 Detroit  
 St. Louis  
 Charlotte  
 Cincinnati  
 Pittsburgh  
 Seattle

**Table 3: Cuts to State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)**

	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>Cut</b>
Alabama	\$9,817,385	\$5,137,205	<b>48%</b>
Alaska	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
American Samoa	\$1,469,600	\$1,157,680	<b>21%</b>
Arizona	\$13,217,365	\$6,608,683	<b>50%</b>
Arkansas	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
California	\$107,498,340	\$72,983,062	<b>32%</b>
Colorado	\$10,979,859	\$5,489,930	<b>50%</b>
Connecticut	\$8,894,442	\$5,137,205	<b>42%</b>
Delaware	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
DC Area	\$10,073,987	\$5,285,216	<b>48%</b>
Florida	\$33,011,575	\$16,505,787	<b>50%</b>
Georgia	\$19,229,905	\$9,614,953	<b>50%</b>
Guam	\$1,469,600	\$1,157,680	<b>21%</b>
Hawaii	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Idaho	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Illinois	\$32,556,036	\$20,212,506	<b>38%</b>
Indiana	\$11,326,441	\$5,663,221	<b>50%</b>
Iowa	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Kansas	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Kentucky	\$8,007,374	\$5,137,205	<b>36%</b>
Louisiana	\$13,804,998	\$6,902,499	<b>50%</b>
Maine	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Maryland	\$15,819,538	\$7,909,769	<b>50%</b>
Massachusetts	\$15,575,715	\$7,787,858	<b>50%</b>
Michigan	\$19,305,380	\$9,652,690	<b>50%</b>
Minnesota	\$10,789,416	\$5,394,708	<b>50%</b>
Mississippi	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Missouri	\$11,057,956	\$5,528,978	<b>50%</b>
Montana	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Nebraska	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Nevada	\$7,868,298	\$5,137,205	<b>35%</b>
New Hampshire	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
New Jersey	\$23,804,549	\$11,902,274	<b>50%</b>
New Mexico	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
New York	\$113,536,625	\$91,192,861	<b>20%</b>
North Carolina	\$15,419,662	\$7,709,831	<b>50%</b>
North Dakota	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
N. Mariana Islands	\$1,469,600	\$1,157,680	<b>21%</b>
Ohio	\$21,550,072	\$10,775,036	<b>50%</b>
Oklahoma	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Oregon	\$7,719,935	\$5,137,205	<b>33%</b>
Pennsylvania	\$27,090,515	\$13,545,257	<b>50%</b>
Puerto Rico	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Rhode Island	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
South Carolina	\$7,892,298	\$5,137,205	<b>35%</b>
South Dakota	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Tennessee	\$11,036,637	\$5,518,319	<b>50%</b>
Texas	\$57,124,291	\$28,562,145	<b>50%</b>
US Virgin Islands	\$1,469,600	\$1,157,680	<b>21%</b>
Utah	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Vermont	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Virginia	\$18,680,612	\$9,340,306	<b>50%</b>
Washington	\$18,357,092	\$9,178,546	<b>50%</b>
West Virginia	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
Wisconsin	\$9,584,902	\$5,137,205	<b>46%</b>
Wyoming	\$6,613,200	\$5,137,205	<b>22%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$842,000,000</b>	<b>\$526,874,100</b>	<b>37%</b>

**Table 4: Cuts to Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)**

	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>Cut</b>
LA / Long Beach	\$69,922,146	\$69,922,146	<b>0%</b>
SF Bay Area	\$42,827,663	\$42,827,663	<b>0%</b>
DC Area	\$59,392,477	\$59,392,477	<b>0%</b>
Chicago	\$54,653,862	\$54,653,862	<b>0%</b>
Boston	\$18,933,980	\$18,933,980	<b>0%</b>
Jersey City/Newark	\$37,292,205	\$37,292,205	<b>0%</b>
New York City	\$151,579,096	\$151,579,096	<b>0%</b>
Philadelphia	\$23,335,845	\$23,335,845	<b>0%</b>
Houston	\$41,452,916	\$41,452,916	<b>0%</b>
Dallas/Forth Worth	\$25,097,410	\$25,097,410	<b>0%</b>
Phoenix	\$10,832,667	\$7,755,447	<b>28%</b>
Tucson	\$4,515,400	\$0	<b>100%</b>
San Diego	\$16,208,500	\$16,208,500	<b>0%</b>
Anaheim/Santa Ana	\$12,773,050	\$8,941,135	<b>30%</b>
Riverside	\$5,286,378	\$3,700,465	<b>30%</b>
Sacramento	\$3,947,286	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Oxnard (CA)	\$2,507,575	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Bakersfield (CA)	\$1,014,919	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Denver	\$7,064,120	\$4,968,954	<b>30%</b>
Bridgeport (CT)	\$2,812,361	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Hartford	\$2,752,043	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Miami/Fort Lauderdale	\$17,106,818	\$9,646,226	<b>44%</b>
Tampa	\$7,815,050	\$5,470,535	<b>30%</b>
Jacksonville	\$5,355,350	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Orlando	\$5,090,188	\$3,696,674	<b>27%</b>
Atlanta	\$13,522,973	\$9,750,733	<b>28%</b>
Honolulu	\$4,754,800	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Indianapolis	\$7,104,700	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Louisville	\$2,205,723	\$0	<b>100%</b>
New Orleans	\$5,440,364	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Baton Rouge	\$2,978,768	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Baltimore	\$10,975,050	\$7,813,444	<b>29%</b>
Detroit	\$13,481,600	\$9,437,120	<b>30%</b>
Minneapolis/St. Paul	\$8,263,207	\$6,116,913	<b>26%</b>
St. Louis	\$8,533,000	\$5,973,100	<b>30%</b>
Kansas City	\$7,706,200	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Omaha	\$1,013,087	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Las Vegas	\$8,150,150	\$5,705,105	<b>30%</b>
Buffalo	\$5,544,750	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Rochester	\$2,314,601	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Albany	\$1,011,141	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Syracuse	\$1,010,475	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Charlotte	\$4,583,712	\$3,244,400	<b>29%</b>
Cleveland	\$5,094,390	\$3,590,432	<b>30%</b>
Columbus	\$4,247,100	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Toledo	\$2,291,708	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Cincinnati	\$4,977,643	\$3,491,256	<b>30%</b>
Oklahoma City	\$4,404,750	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Tulsa	\$2,164,490	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Portland	\$7,178,800	\$5,025,160	<b>30%</b>
Pittsburgh	\$6,398,705	\$4,479,093	<b>30%</b>
San Juan	\$3,108,425	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Providence	\$4,764,300	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Memphis	\$4,169,183	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Nashville	\$2,844,065	\$0	<b>100%</b>
San Antonio	\$6,229,550	\$0	<b>100%</b>
El Paso	\$5,389,900	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Austin	\$2,931,990	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Salt Lake City	\$2,900,078	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Richmond	\$2,675,561	\$0	<b>100%</b>
Norfolk	\$7,372,100	\$5,160,470	<b>30%</b>
Seattle	\$11,053,806	\$7,959,338	<b>28%</b>
Milwaukee	\$4,159,850	\$0	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$832,520,000</b>	<b>\$662,622,100</b>	<b>20%</b>